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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:CFED, PFOR, RO

SUBJECT: TRIFA CASE

1. YOU HAVE RECEIVED SEPTEL ON LENGTHY HEARING BY EILBERG SUBCOMMITTEE ON PROSECUTION OF FORMER "WAR CRIMINALS," IN WHICH TRIFA CASE WAS MENTIONED IN PASSING BY CONGRESSWOMAN HOLTZMAN.

2. FOLLOWING HEARING, ROMANIAN DESK OFFICER SUMMARIZED PROCEEDINGS FOR ROMANIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR RACEANU, WHO HAD ASKED FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE VISIT TO ROMANIA. DESK OFFICER SAID CONGRESSMAN EILBERG MAY WISH TO DISCUSS TRIFA CASE WITH GOR, AMONG COMMITTEE'S OTHER INTERESTS, ADDING THAT COMMITTEE'S DESIRE TO SEE EXPEDITIOUS PROGRESS ON PROSECUTION OF PENDING CASES WAS VERY STRONG. DESK OFFICER ADDED THAT SCANTINESS OF DOCUMENTATION ON TRIFA PROVIDED BY MFA IN FEBRUARY WAS SURPRISING TO US AND THAT

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PERHAPS PROBLEM LAY IN DEFINITION OF WHAT MATERIAL MIGHT BE CONSIDERED GERMANE. IN ANY CASE, IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS MIGHT WISH TO EXPLORE THIS QUESTION WITH GOR DURING VISIT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM MFA OF OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN INFORMATION ON TRIFA, TAKING

APPROACH THAT GOR REVIEW THE CRITERIA USED IN PREPARING PREVIOUS RESPONSE, WHICH MAY HAVE ELIMINATED DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION WHICH MAY AFTER ALL PROVE TO BE GERMANE. IF POSSIBLE, EMBASSY'S REQUEST SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE COMMITTEE'S ARRIVAL, ALTHOUGH IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT TRIFA CASE IS BY NO MEANS SOLE PURPOSE OF VISIT. DESK OFFICER TOLD RACEANU THAT CODEL VISIT PROVIDES GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR GOR TO RAISE VISA AND OTHER CONSULAR QUESTIONS WITH CONGRESSMEN PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR FORMULATING U.S. LEGISLATION ON SUCH MATTERS.

4. IN POST-ARRIVAL BRIEFING FOR CODEL EILBERG, EMBASSY SHOULD SUMMARIZE EFFORTS ON TRIFA CASE AND ENCOURAGE CODEL TO RAISE MATTER WITH APPROPRIATE ROMANIAN OFFICIALS. WE WILL BE DOING THE SAME HERE IN PRE-DEPARTURE BRIEFING. CHRISTOPHER

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